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SCANT MOMENTS AGO, ***DR. EGGMAN*** BROUGHT SEVERAL ATTRACTIONS TO LIFE AT THE ***WORLD'S FAIR IN PARIS, FRANCE,*** CAUSING THE CROWDS TO FLEE FOR THEIR LIVES.

IT WAS ALL PART OF HIS SCHEME TO ***STEAL THE NEW THORNDYKE INDUSTRIES SPACE SHUTTLE*** THAT WAS BEING INTRODUCED TO THE PUBLIC.

NELSON AND LINDSEY THORNDYKE FLEW THEIR SON ***CHRIS*** AND HIS FRIENDS TO PARIS TO CELEBRATE THEIR SON'S BIRTHDAY AND SO THEY COULD SEE THE UNVEILING OF THE SHUTTLE.

WHERE DID CHRIS GO?

CHRIS, THORNDYKE FAMILY BUTLER ***MR. TANAKA, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AMY ROSE*** (ALSO A HEDGEHOG, FOR THOSE KEEPING TRACK), ***TAILS THE FOX,*** GOVERNMENT AGENTS ***TOPAZ*** & ***ROUGE THE BAT,*** AND ***BIG THE CAT,*** CHASED DR. EGGMAN INTO THE HALL OF MIRRORS.

THANK GOODNESS WE LOST THAT ***BIG, DUMB CAT!***

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE HE PUNCHES THE BOSS IN THE NOSE AGAIN!

OR HE PUNCHES ***ONE OF US!***

FEAH NOD! I STILL GUHD A CUPPL SIRPRIZZES UP MU SLIV!

PRESS!

HUH?

SIRPRIZZES! SIRPRIZZES UP MU SLIV!

AND WITH THE PRESS OF A BUTTON, DR. EGGMAN BRINGS THE *SCRAMBLER RIDE TO LIFE*, HIS EVIL DEVICES CAUSING IT TO GROW TO *MONSTROUS PROPORTIONS!*

KREAAAKKK!

AS DR. EGGMAN SET HIS SIRPRIZZES...*or*...*SURPRISES*, INTO MOTION, SONIC SEARCHES FOR THE ROTUND RAPSCALLION...

I CAN'T TELL WHAT'S REAL AND WHAT'S A REFLECTION IN HERE!

EGGMAN!

GIVE UP NOW AND SAVE YOURSELF SOME PAIN!

ALL RIGHT! IF YOU WANT A FIGHT, I'LL GIVE YOU A FIGHT!

...MUST NOT ALLOW MASTER TO BE HARMED!...

...THE BLUE ONE MUST BE DESTROYED!...

THIS *MYSTERIOUS STRANGER* FOLLOWED AGENTS ROUGE AND TOPAZ FROM STATION SQUARE TO PARIS. WHO IS HE? WHAT DOES HE WANT?

EVEN *HE* DOESN'T KNOW, BUT WHEN HE SAW DR. EGGMAN FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE KNEW HE HAD TO PROTECT HIS "MASTER" AT ALL COSTS.

SO WHO CAN SAVE SONIC NOW?

AND WHY ARE WE ASKING *YOU*?

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PART TWO
KRASH!
OOF!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT!

IT WAS JUST A *REFLECTION* OF EGGMAN!

... MUST PROTECT MASTER ...

... MUST PROTECT SELF ...

NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT EGGMAN! I'VE GOT TO TAKE CARE OF THIS THING!

SONIC LAUNCHES INTO *SUPERSPIN*, ATTACKING THE LEG OF THE ANIMATED SCRAMBLER.

... PROCESSING OPPONENT'S ABILITIES ...

KLANG!

KRASH!

AMY! HOLD ON!

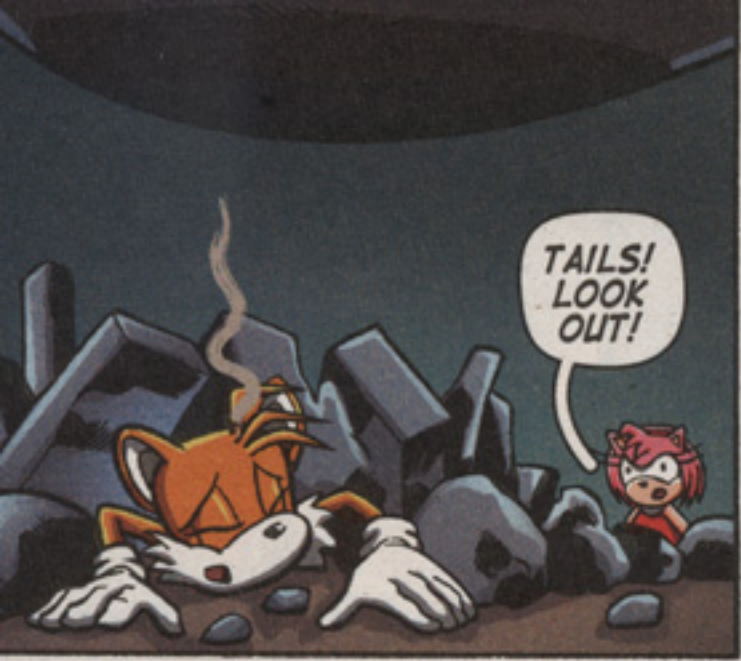
THANKS, TAILS!

KRASH!

THIS WOULD BE EASIER IF YOU LOST SOME WEIGHT, *TOPAZ!*

THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SNIDE, *ROUGE!*

KRASH!
LOOK OUT, FROGGY!
RIBBIT!
HOOK!
IT'S NOT NICE TO PICK ON SMALL FRYS!
NOW WE GED OUDDA HERE AND GED DA SPASHE SHUDDLE WHILE EVURYUNN ID DIDTRACTED.
WHAT?
I SEHD, AHND I QUODE:
"NOW WE GET OUT OF HERE AND GET THE SPACE SHUTTLE WHILE EVERYONE IS DISTRACTED!"
WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO?
YAY! COTTON CANDY!
RUN AWAY! RUN AWAY!
RUN AWAY FROM THESE NASTY OFFENCES!


TAILS! LOOK OUT!

WHACK!
THUD!

THANKS, AMY.
JUST RETURNING THE FAVOR.

SONIC! WHERE DID THE OTHERS GO?
I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE ELSE.

MASTER CHRIS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
MASTER CHRIS!

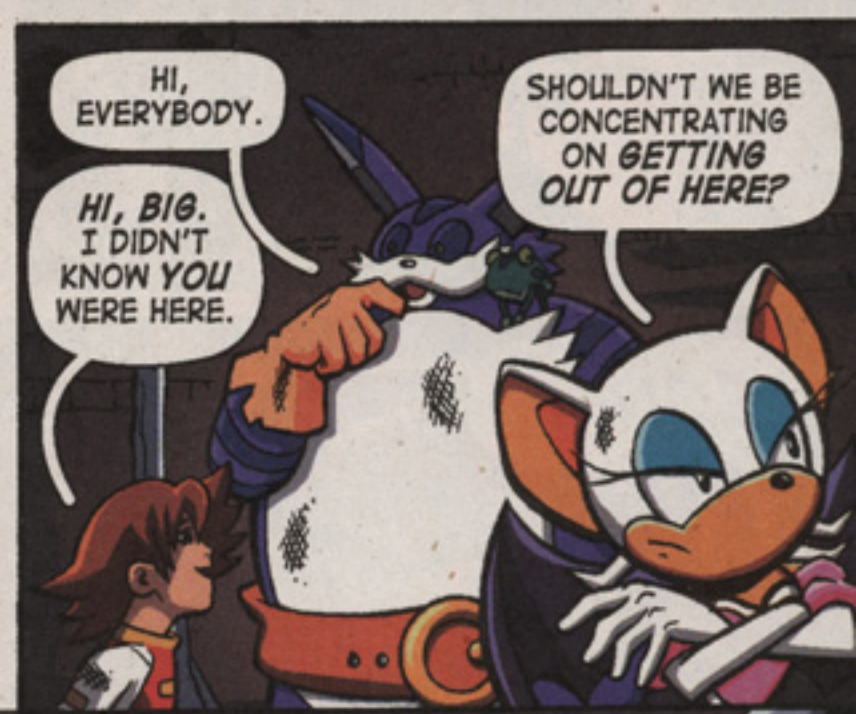
PLEASE, MASTER CHRIS YOU MUST WAKE UP!

MR. TANAKA?
MASTER CHRIS! YOU ARE ALL RIGHT! THANK THE SPIRITS OF OUR ANCESTORS!

WHAT HAPPENED?
ONE OF EGGMAN'S ROBOTS ATTACKED THE HALL OF MIRRORS.

WHERE ARE WE?
AND WHAT'S THAT *TERRIBLE SMELL?*
DON'T LOOK AT *ME!*
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE IN THE *OLD SEWER UNDER PARIS.*

WE MUST HAVE FALLEN THROUGH ITS CEILING WHEN THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKED.
MISS TOPAZ! I AM PLEASED TO SEE THAT YOU ARE SAFE.
WHAT AM I? *FOOL'S GOLD?*


HI, EVERYBODY.
HI, BIG. I DIDN'T KNOW *YOU* WERE HERE.
SHOULDN'T WE BE CONCENTRATING ON *GETTING OUT OF HERE?*

THE CEILING CAVED IN. I DON'T SEE A WAY OUT.
ANY IDEAS?
LET'S YELL. MAYBE SOMEONE WILL HEAR US.

HELP!

IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE *BELOW* US.

WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE SCRAMBLER ATTACKS AGAIN.

GIMME A *RING*, TAILS.

YOU GOT IT, SONIC!

I'LL PLOW THROUGH THE RUBBLE. YOU GUYS HELP THE OTHERS OUT.

... PROCESSING NEW DATA ABOUT ADVERSARY ...

... RING PROVIDES ADVERSARY WITH ADDITIONAL POWER ...

KRASH!

SONIC!

PEEEUUU! IT *STINKS* DOWN HERE.

AMY AND TAILS WILL HELP YOU GET OUT OF THIS HOLE.

I'M GONNA DEAL WITH THE SCRAMBLER!

...
ADVERSARY POSES GREATER THREAT TO MASTER WHEN IN POSSESSION OF RING
...
GO GET 'EM, GUYS!
...
ADVERSARY CAN FLY
...
DUPLICATING ADVERSARY'S ABILITIES NOW
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...
MUST TAKE RING FROM ADVERSARY
...
...
MUST NOT ALLOW ANY HARM TO COME TO MASTER
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...
THIS DEVICE POSES IMMEDIATE THREAT TO MASTER
...
...
MUST DEAL WITH BLUE ONE LATER
...
NHEE NHEE NHEE NHEE!
THE SHUDDLE IS AHS GUHD AHS MEYENN!
WHAT DID HE SAY?
YUM! YUM! YUM!
DON'T ASK—JUST RUN!

YOU'RE TOO BIG A BUG TO STEP ON!
KLANG!
KLANG!
...
MIMICKING BLUE ONE'S ABILITIES
...
...
TO DEFEAT BLUE ONE, MUST OBSERVE AND REPLICATE ALL OF HIS ABILITIES
...
AS THE BATTLE RAGES ABOVE, TAILS AND AMY ARRIVE IN THE SEWER BELOW...
TAILS! AMY! ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
BOY! IT STINKS DOWN HERE.
I BLAME THE HUMANS.
THEY NEVER SMELLED THIS BAD ON OUR WORLD.
COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE THE ROOF COLLAPSES ON OUR HEADS!
WHAT ABOUT FROGGY AND ME?
WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!

IF I HAVE TO KEEP CARRYING YOU TO SAFETY, YOU HAVE TO GO ON A DIET!
SONIC'S RIPPING THAT THING'S LEG OFF!
YOU GUYS BETTER RUN FOR COVER.
WHEN THAT THING FALLS, IT'S GONNA FALL HARD AND TAKE WHAT'S LEFT OF THE HALL OF MIRRORS WITH IT!
WE'D BETTER GO BACK FOR BIG AND FROGGY!
IT'S GOING TO TAKE ALL THREE OF US TO LIFT THEM OUT OF THERE!
THIS IS NOT THE WAY I LIKE TO PICK UP GUYS!
I FEEL VULNERABLE WITHOUT MY SPY GEAR!
BE CAREFUL, MASTER CHRIS! IF YOU GET HURT, YOUR PARENTS WILL NEVER FORGIVE ME!

IT FEELS LIKE THE RING'S POWER IS *WEARING OFF!*

I'VE GOT TO WRAP THIS UP *FAST!*

...

BLUE ONE IS STRONGER THAN I

...

RING AMPLIFIES HIS STRENGTH

...

WHERE DOES TWO-TAILED ONE GET RINGS?

...

COME ON, EVERYBODY! *LIFT!*

WE'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH!

THAT'S OKAY, GUYS. YOU CAN LEAVE ME HERE.

FROGGY AND I WILL THINK OF SOMETHING!

RIBBIT!

FROGGY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!

RIBBIT! RIBBIT!

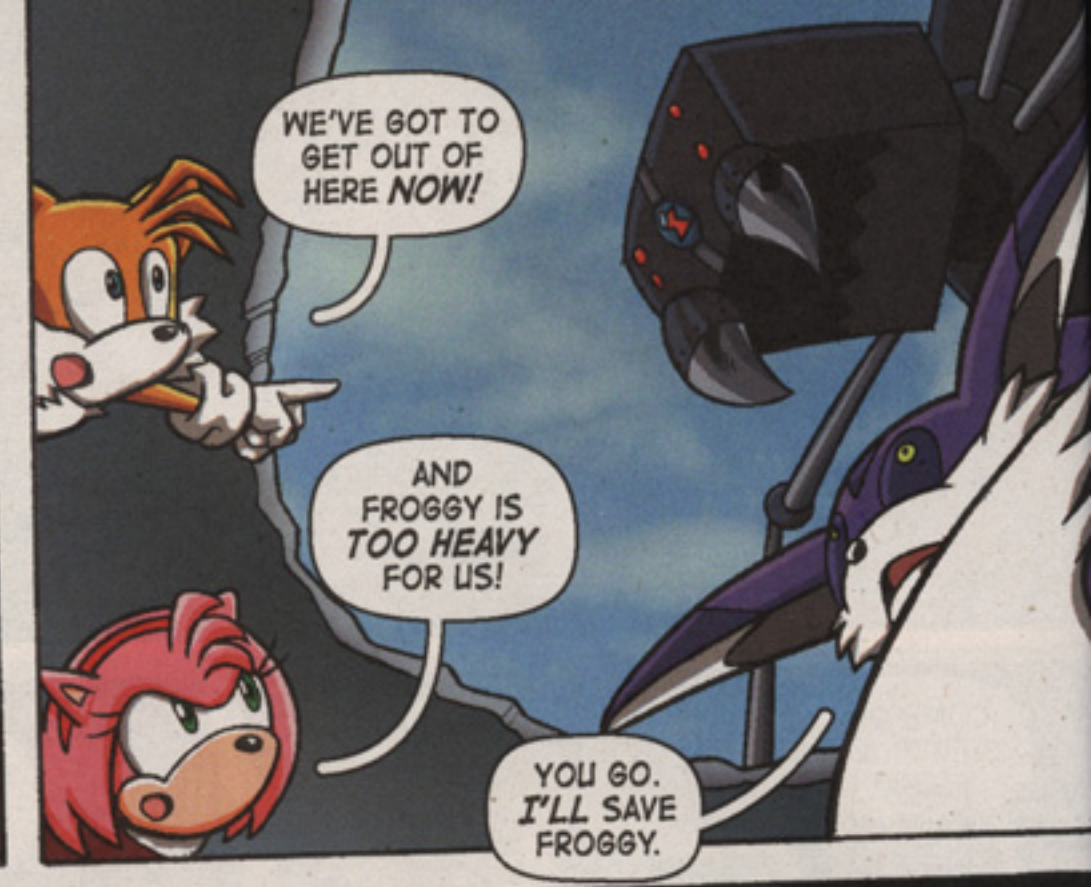
WHOA!

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT WAS *THE FROG* WHO WAS SO HEAVY?

WHAT ABOUT FROGGY?

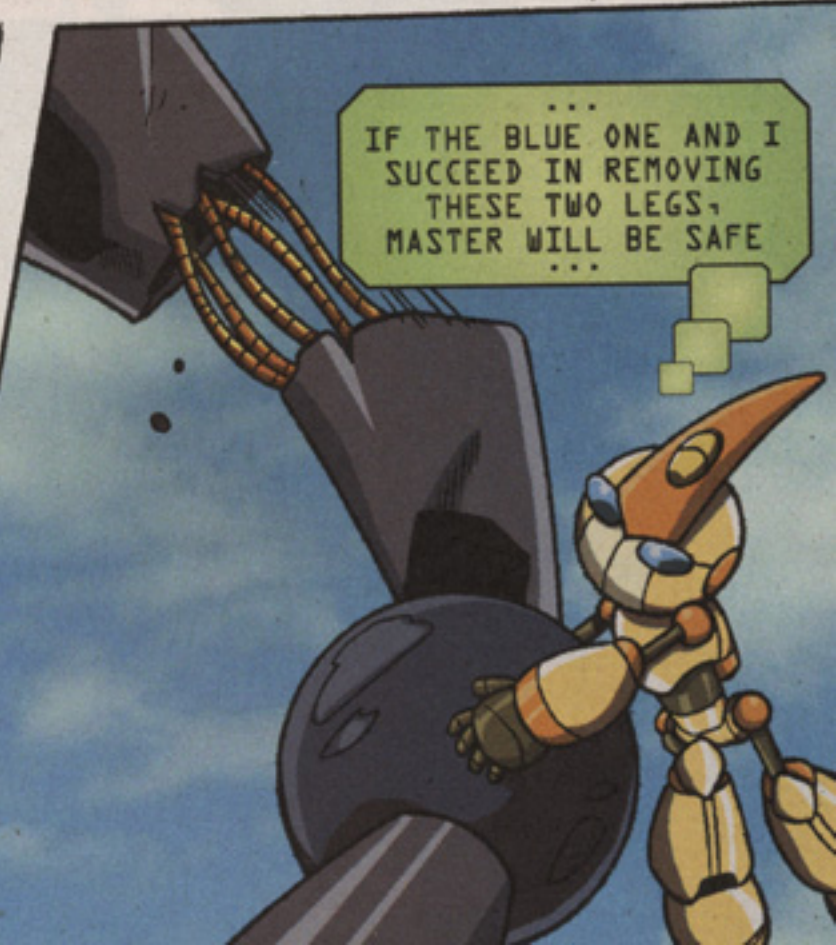
WHIFT!

HOPEFULLY HE CAN FIND HIS OWN WAY OUT.
I WON'T LEAVE WITHOUT HIM!


WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE *NOW!*
AND FROGGY IS *TOO HEAVY* FOR US!
YOU GO. *I'LL* SAVE FROGGY.

GRAB HOLD OF THE FISHING LINE, FROGGY!

THE SCRAMBLER'S *LOSING ITS BALANCE...*


...
IF THE BLUE ONE AND I SUCCEED IN REMOVING THESE TWO LEGS, MASTER WILL BE SAFE
...

ELSEWHERE, DR. EGGMAN AND HIS MINIONS ARE WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THEIR ULTIMATE GOAL.

THERE ID IZZ! MUH ULDIMATT GUHL!

WHAT DID HE SAY?

HEH HEH. READ THE CAPTION BOX, DECOE.

CAPTION BOX? WHAT IS BOKKUN TALKING ABOUT, BOCOE?

IGNORE HIM. HE'S HAD *TOO MUCH SUGAR* AND HE'S *IMAGINING THINGS.*

BUT BEFORE THEY CAN GET TO THE SHUTTLE, THE THORNDYKES, CREAM, AND CHEESE STEP OUT OF HIDING!

STOP RIGHT THERE!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

BAH! I'M GOUNG DO DAKE THE SHUDDLE AND YOU GAN'T DOP ME!

WHAT?

WHY IS DR. EGGMAN SPEAKING THAT WAY?

WHEEEEEEE! HE WAS PUNCHED IN THE NOSE BY A *GIANT CAT.*

NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE US, *WE'RE GOING TO STEAL THE SHUTTLE.*

NO, I *WON'T* EXCUSE YOU!

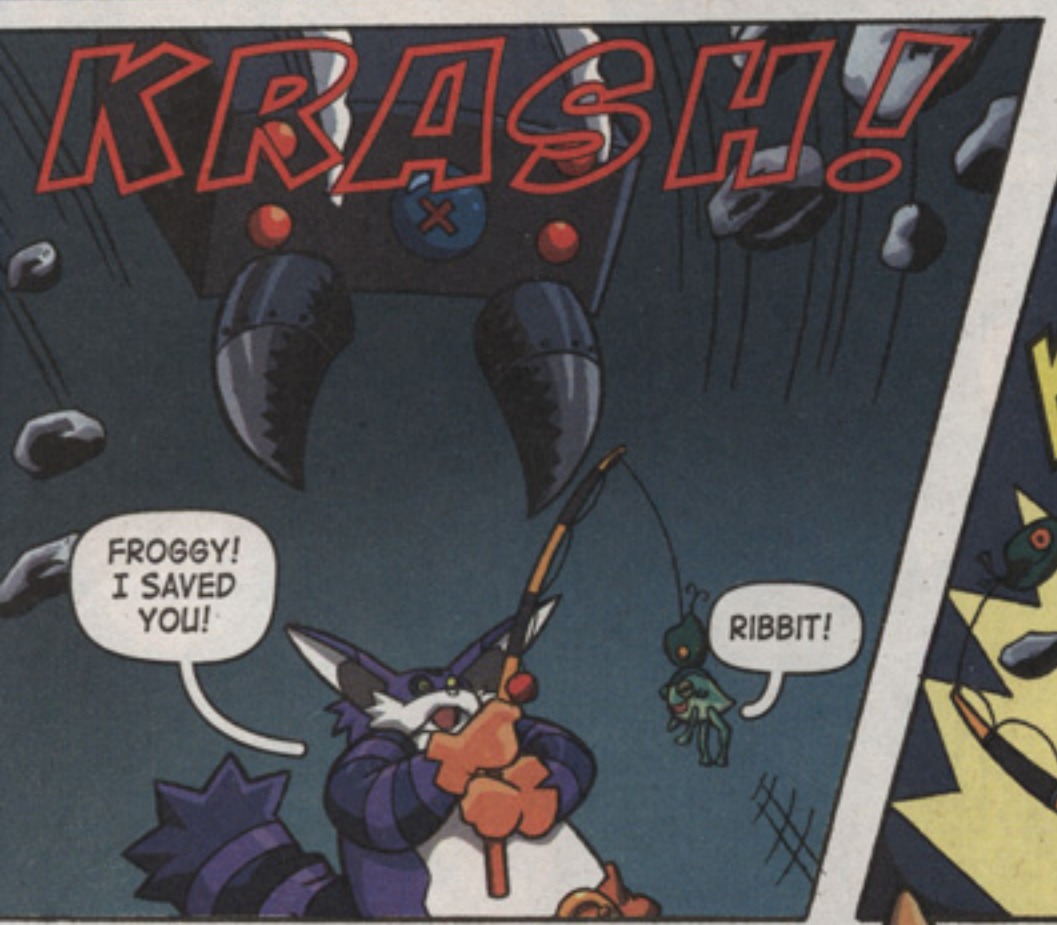
STAND BACK OR *I'LL* PUNCH YOU IN THE NOSE *MYSELF!*

UH, LINDSEY, DEAR—THIS ISN'T ONE OF YOUR ACTION MOVIES!

I'M WARNING YOU—JACKIE CHAN TAUGHT ME SELF DEFENSE!
PHOOOEY! GED OUDDA MUH WAY!
HIIII-YAAAA!
WHACK!
HONK!
NOD AGUN!
NO DIME FUH DIS!
DAKE DAT!
FWWWWWWWWWP!
AAAAAAA! IT'S LIKE BEING MOBBED BY FANS AT COMICON INTERNATIONAL!
YOU DU DAKE DA EGG GARRIUH DU EEDJUPT.
BOGGUHN AND I WUHL DAKE DA SHUDDLE AND MEED YOU AD OUR PYRUHMUD HYDEOUD.
?
AFTER MUCH DIFFICULTY, EGGMAN FINALLY COMMUNICATES THAT DECOE AND BOCOE ARE TO TAKE THE EGG CARRIER TO THEIR PYRAMID HIDEOUT IN EGYPT WHILE HE AND BOKKUN STEAL THE SPACE SHUTTLE.
MEANWHILE....
KRUCK!
KRUCK!
UH OH, I'D BETTER HURRY!

YIKES! I'M LOSING MY GRIP!
... WITHDRAW ... PROTECT SELF ...

I'VE GOT YOU, SONIC!
THANKS, TAILS!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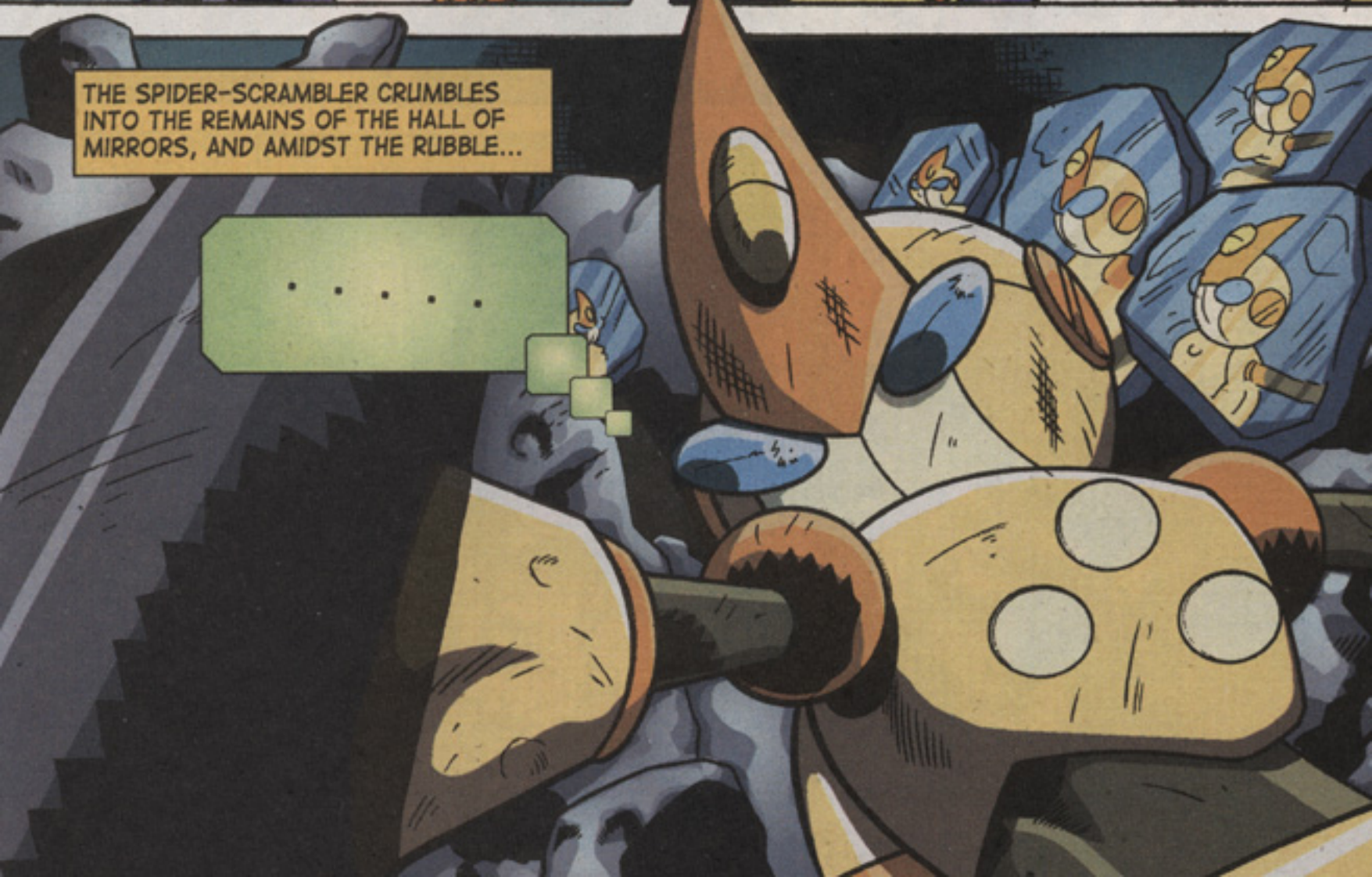
FROGGY! I SAVED YOU!
RIBBIT!

K-THUD!
WE BETTER GET OUTTA HERE!


THE SPIDER-SCRAMBLER CRUMBLES INTO THE REMAINS OF THE HALL OF MIRRORS, AND AMIDST THE RUBBLE...
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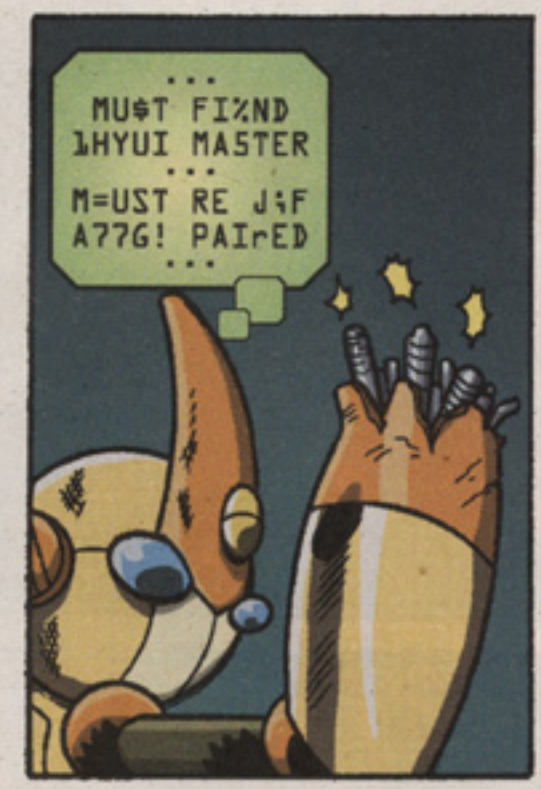


SONIC! YOU SAVED THE DAY!

EGGMAN'S BOTS ARE NO MATCH FOR ME!

SONIC CAN DO *ANYTHING!*

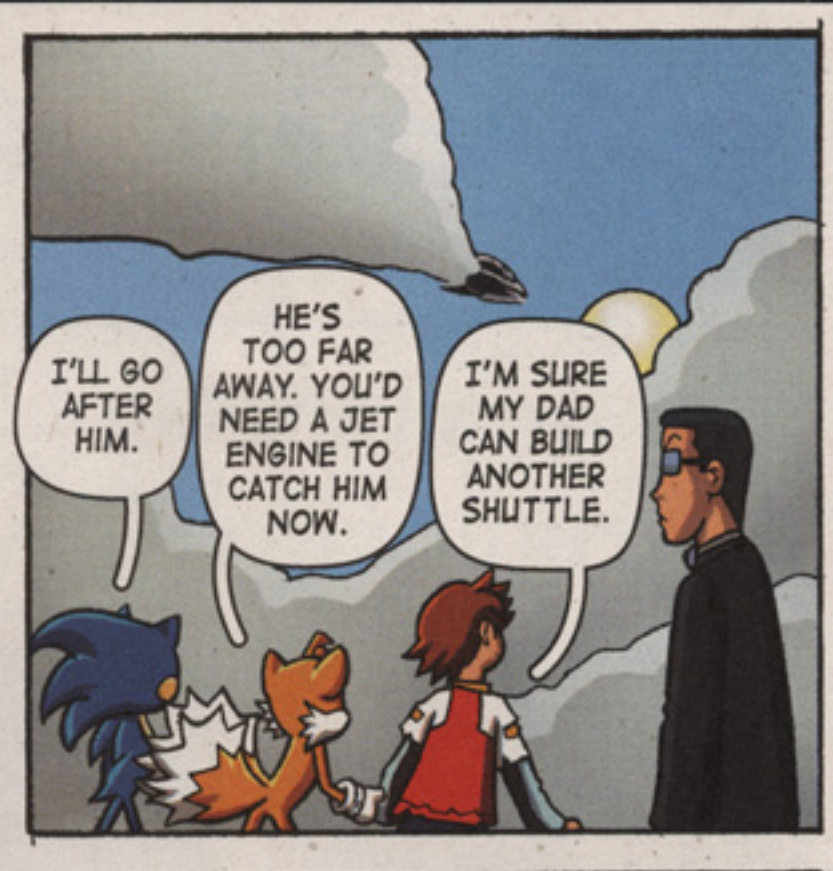
VVVWWOOOOOOMMMMMM!

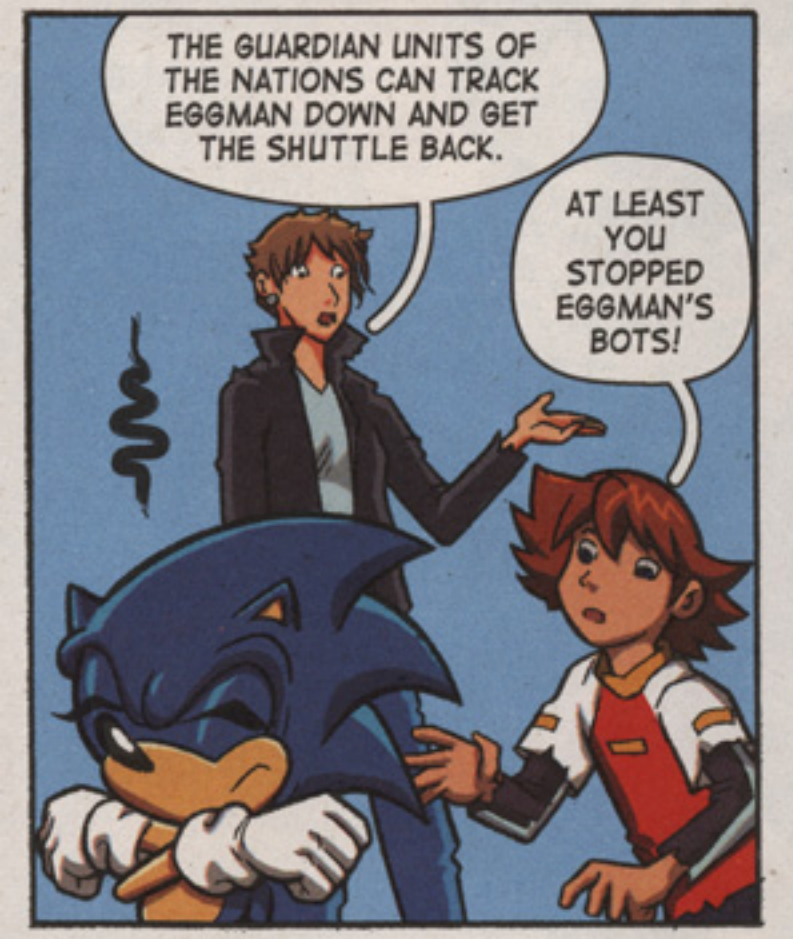
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

IT SOUNDS LIKE A *ROCKET ENGINE!*

THE SHUTTLE!

EGGMAN'S GETTING AWAY WITH THE SHUTTLE!


I'LL GO AFTER HIM.
HE'S TOO FAR AWAY. YOU'D NEED A JET ENGINE TO CATCH HIM NOW.
I'M SURE MY DAD CAN BUILD ANOTHER SHUTTLE.


THE GUARDIAN UNITS OF THE NATIONS CAN TRACK EGGMAN DOWN AND GET THE SHUTTLE BACK.
AT LEAST YOU STOPPED EGGMAN'S BOTS!

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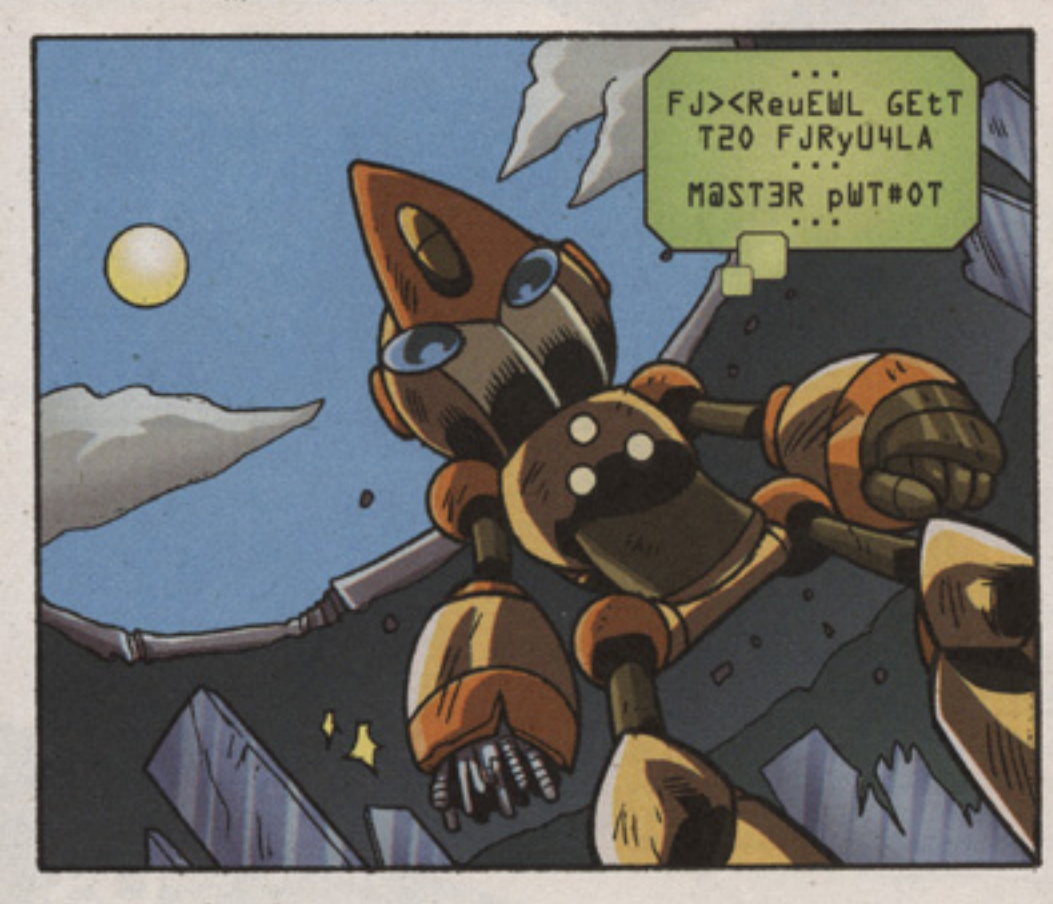
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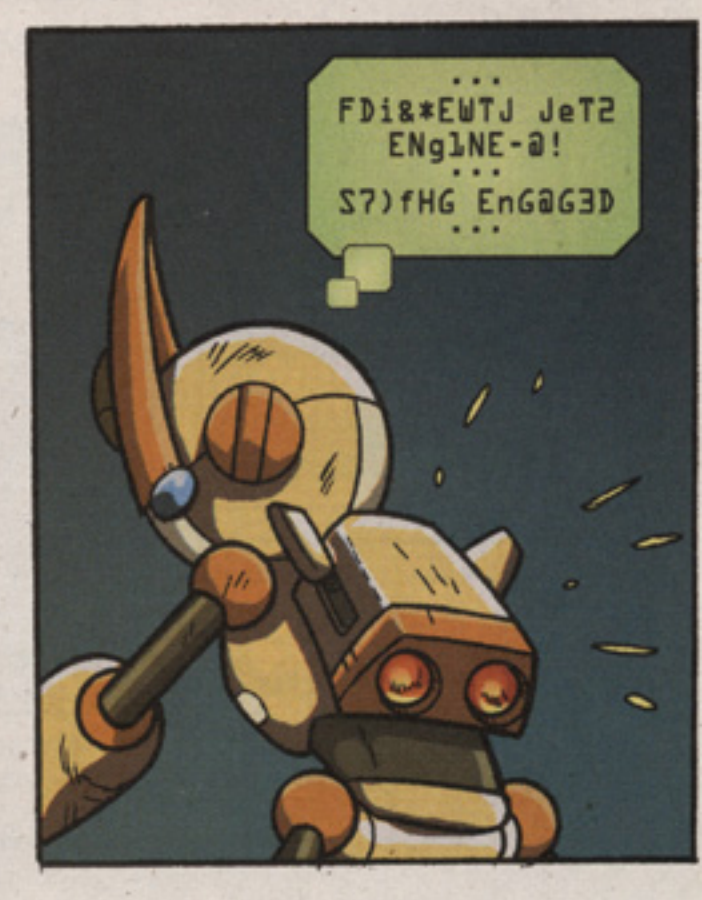
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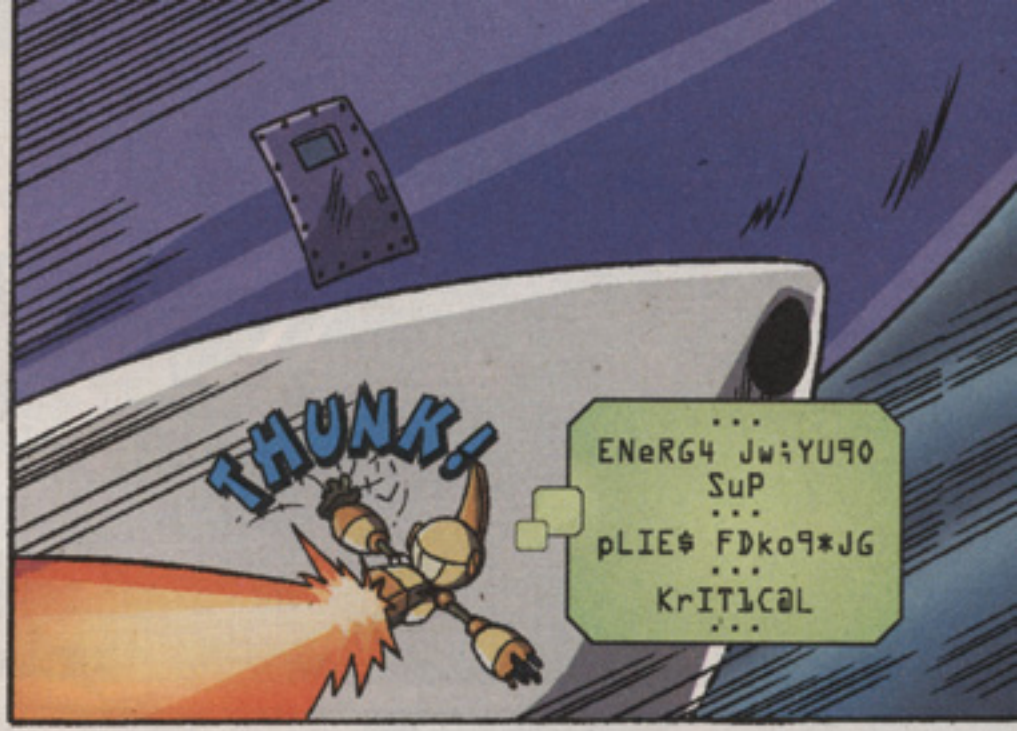
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WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?
YOU'RE IHMAHGINING THIHNGS, BOKKUHN.

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*h3Lp%
)0*(
Me!
...

...
D0cTOR
rOB0tN1K
...
$AVE M3!
...
HEY! WHY DID THAT THING CALL YOU "DR. ROBOTNIK?"
WHAT IS IT? WHERE DID IT COME FROM?
UH DUN'T KNOW, BUHKOON!
BUHD WHEN WE GEHD DO EGYPD, UH WILL DISMANDLE ID AND FIND OUD WHUD ID IZ...

...AHND HOW UH CAHN UZE ID AGAINDT DONICK!
NHU HU HU HU HU HU HU!

BACK AT THE WORLD'S FAIR...
DO YOU FEEL THE EARTH MOVING?
THIS CAN'T BE GOOD NEWS.
SOMETHING'S WRONG!
KRASH!
WHOA!
THE SCRAMBLER'S FALLING INTO THE SEWER!
THANK GOODNESS NO ONE WAS LEFT DOWN THERE!
C'MON, GUYS! WE'VE GOT TO FIND MY MOM AND DAD AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE OKAY!

SHORTLY...

CHRIS! WE WERE SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU!

AWW, MOM!

AS THE HAPPY REUNION CONTINUES, TOPAZ FINISHES HER REPORT TO CAPTAIN WESTWOOD AT G.U.N. H.Q. IN WASHINGTON, D.C...

...AND EGGMAN ESCAPED WITH THE THORNDYKE SHUTTLE.

THAT'S VERY DISAPPOINTING, AGENT TOPAZ. I'M SURE THE PRESIDENT WILL BE DISPLEASED WITH YOUR PERFORMANCE.

I, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAVE SECURED SOME *VERY INTERESTING BLUEPRINTS* FROM THAT LAB YOU AND ROUGE WERE SUPPOSED TO INVESTIGATE. I GUESS *YOU* OVERLOOKED THEM.

THAT'S *ANOTHER FAILURE* FOR YOU AND YOUR PARTNER.

WE'LL DISCUSS THE FACT THAT YOU *DISOBEYED MY DIRECT ORDER* TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON YESTERDAY WHEN YOU *DO* GET BACK. WESTWOOD OUT.

WHAT A SMUG JERK!

IT'S TOO BAD THAT EGGMAN GOT AWAY WITH MY SPACE SHUTTLE.

DO YOU THINK MR. THORNDYKE'S SPACE SHUTTLE MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN US BACK TO *OUR HOME*, AMY?

CHAO!

WE'LL NEVER KNOW.

I WAS GOING TO TAKE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS INTO ORBIT AS PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT. NOW I'LL HAVE TO BUILD ANOTHER SHUTTLE FOR YOU.

I KNOW YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF GOING INTO SPACE.

I'LL GET THERE SOONER OR LATER, DAD!

COUNT ON IT, BUDDY! SOME DAY I'LL TAKE YOU TO VISIT *MY WORLD*.

THEN WE'LL SEE SOME *REAL EXCITEMENT!*

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